Closure in some public sector units

2517. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether various high level official committees have recommended closure of a number of public sector units like BPMEL, Scooters India Limited, Engineering Projects (India) Limited, Cycle Corporation of India and Beioco Lawries; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the reports of the various committees and the action taken by Government in regard to their recommendations in respect of those public sector units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) : (a) and (b) Various Committees appointed by the Government from time to time, have recommended among other things, closure of certain public sector units. However, it is not in the public interest to divulge the details of these reports or the action proposed to be taken thereon at this stage.

Chairman-cum-Managing Director in Hindustan Paper Corporation

2518. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Paper Corporation Limited, Calcutta is working without a Chairman-*cum*-Managing Director and other Directors on the Board of Directors of the Company;

(b) whether interviews were conducted by Public Enterprises Selection Board for empanelling names of prospective Chairman- *cum*-Managing Director during the last six months or so;

(c) whether approval was not subsequently accorded by Government for appointment as per panel;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof, indicating the list of candidates selected in the said interview; and

(e) what further steps are being taken to seek Government's approval for appointment according to the panel ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) : (a) At present, the post of Chairman-*cum*-Managing Director and Director (Finance) are vacant in the Hindustan Paper Corp. Ltd. An official of the Deptt. of Public Enterprises is looking after the work of Chairman-*cum*-Director in addition to his duties in the Department.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Overcharging by NDMC

2519. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the NDMC has been overcharging the residents of the Class IV Employees colony at Punchkuin Road, New Delhi for the electric consumption by them by Re. 1/- per unit of electricity per month, since April, 1986, on the ground that there are loose/temporary electricity connections in their flats, despite the fact that the electricity consumption is restricted to domestic use only;

(b) if so, under which provisions of the NDMC Act, this overcharging is done;

(c) whether prior notices were issued to the residents of the colony; and

(d) if so, what was the reaction of the residents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI